

REMARKS

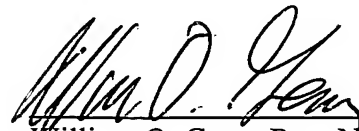
The specification has been amended to remove inappropriate references to a FIG. 20D.

The Office of Patent Publication/Publishing Division ("OPP") issued a Notice of Drawing Inconsistency with Specification on January 3, 2007 ("Notice"). In the Notice, the OPP noted references in the Brief Description of the Drawings to a FIG. 20D, which figure did not appear in the drawings. This Amendment is filed to correct the error.

The error arose from the following circumstances. The initial application was filed with informal, hand-written drawings. In those informal drawings, the flow chart (currently set out in FIGS. 20A–20C of the application as allowed) covered four pages, which were denominated FIGS. 20A–20D. Subsequently, formal drawings were prepared and submitted to the Examiner with the Amendment of March 8, 2006. During the preparation of those drawings, the physical size of the flow chart was reduced due to compression of its content resulting from the capabilities of the CAD process. There were no changes in the content of the flow chart. In final form, the flow chart covered three pages (the current FIGS. 20–20C). The resulting elimination of FIG. 20D was not noted in the amendments to the specification included in the March 8, 2006 Amendment. Subsequently, neither the Examiner nor applicant noted this inconsistency. The present Amendment is made to correct that oversight.

This Amendment is submitted for the sole purpose of correcting the deficiency noted by the OPP. As such, it does not present or constitute new substantive material nor does it change the scope of the claims. Therefore, neither reexamination nor further searching is required.

Respectfully submitted,



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